

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. No claims are canceled, amended, or added the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-20 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,376. Accordingly, to overcome that rejection, a terminal disclaimer is enclosed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-20 are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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